To Whom It May Concern:

I urge the Federal Communications Commission to not weaken regulations governing cross-ownership of broadcast and print outlets within the same market. In line with its mandate to protect the public interest, the FCC should be strengthening such rules.

Having a diversity of opinions represented in the various media is essential to a well-functioning democracy. Our current, highly commercial media system is already excessively concentrated in the hands of a small number of corporations whose interests, more often than not , run counter to the interests of a majority of the public.

Please honor your obligations to protect the public interest by restricting cross-ownership.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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